



## Planning Commission Staff Report

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To: Planning Commission  
From: Planning Staff  
Report Date: October 14, 2016  
Meeting Date: October 18, 2016  
Item: Workshop in Order to Review the Draft Telecom Ordinance

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### General Information

<b>Requested Actions:</b>	Review and discuss the draft telecommunications facilities ordinance.
<b>Included in Staff Report:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Overview</li><li>2. Relevant comprehensive plan policies</li></ol>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Draft telecommunications facilities ordinance</li><li>2. Map of existing telecommunications facilities</li><li>3. Photos of existing telecommunication facilities</li><li>4. July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes regarding discussion of telecommunication towers</li></ol>

### Overview:

**OA16-01** – The City has begun to create a new ordinance to address the placement of new telecommunication facilities. Placement of future telecommunications facilities should reflect Sandpoint’s comprehensive plan goals and policies. The attached draft ordinance aims to specifically address minimizing the number of antenna towers throughout the community, encouraging co-location of telecommunication facilities, encouraging the use of existing buildings and light or utility poles, ensuring that telecommunication facilities are located and designed to minimize visual impact on the surroundings, and ensuring that the City adheres to the rules and regulations in the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

**Relevant Comprehensive Plan Policies:**

- Goal CD-1: Historic Town, Policy A: Ensure that all commercial, single and multi-family development respect the town's unique historic character, in architecture, density and in site planning.
- Goal H-2: Existing Neighborhoods, Policy B: Create street environments that would be appropriate for historic single-family neighborhoods.
- Goal T-5: Airport, Policy C: Provide for safe air navigation by approving appropriate safeguards to ensure that airport operations are conducted in a safe efficient manner.
- Goal PS-3: Education, Policy A: Consider impacts on the school district when considering land use decisions.
- Goal PS-1: Public Services, Policy C: Arrange land uses and public services systems to make them as efficient as practicable.
- Goal E-4: Downtown Revitalization, Policy G: Encourage preservation of historic buildings.